

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**PATENT** 

In re Application of David HUNG

Serial No. 09/912,499 Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: K. L. Assadi Filed: July 26, 2001

Atty. Dkt. No.: 005284.00096 METHODS AND DEVICES FOR For:

DIAGNOSIS OF PRECANCER AND CANCER IN BREAST MILK

**DUCTS** 

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-25.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 to read as follows.

(Amended) A device for collecting breast duct fluid from within a breast duct in order to detect breast cancer or precancer comprising:

a probe having a diameter sized to penetrate a breast duct and a distal portion being capable of contacting an interior lumen of a breast duct and retrieving a sample of the breast duct